

said first cover portion, said first spine portion, and said second cover portion defining a notebook with a first side, a second side, a top side, and a bottom side,

a second spine portion, said second spine portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge, and a second side edge, and being hingeably connected to the second side portion of said second cover portion by its first side edge; and

a first binder mounted on the first spine portion and a second binder mounted on the second spine portion, wherein the first and second binders are mounted in an offset relationship.

5. (Amended) A binder apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the second binder located near and approximately parallel to said second side of said notebook is attached to the second cover portion.

2 7. (Amended) A binder apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the second binder located near and approximately parallel to said second side of said notebook is attached to the second spine portion.

3 8. (Amended) A binder apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a third cover portion hingeably connected to said second side of said second spine portion.

4 9. (Amended) A binder apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cover and spine portions are rigid.

12. (Amended) A notebook for holding loose media, comprising:
a first cover portion hingeably connected to a first spine portion to form a first hinge, a second cover portion hingeably connected to the first spine portion to form a second hinge, and a second spine portion hingeably connected to the second cover portion to form a third hinge,
a first binder attached to said first spine portion, said first binder being parallel to and near said first hinge while leaving an unoccupied space along said second hinge,
a second binder attached to said second spine portion, said second binder being parallel to and near said third hinge;
wherein said first and second binders are mounted on opposing sides of said notebook in an offset relationship and media contained in said binders are aligned with each other in contiguous planes.

Please add the following new claims:

16. A binder apparatus comprising:
a first cover portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge, and a second side edge;
a first spine portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge and a second side edge, said first side edge being hingeably connected to a side edge of said first cover portion,
a second cover portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge, and a second side edge, the first side edge of said second cover portion being hingeably connected to the second edge of said first spine portion,

said first cover portion, said first spine portion, and said second cover portion defining a notebook with a first side, a second side, a top side, and a bottom side, and

a first binder mounted near and approximately parallel to the first side of the notebook and a second binder mounted near and approximately parallel to the second side of the notebook,

wherein the first and second binders are mounted in an offset relationship.